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<sup>1</sup> For latest information respecting the population of several of the colonies, see footnotes to Table I, *post*.  
<sup>2</sup> The Revenue and Expenditure of Victoria in all the years specified, and of Queensland for the seven years 1876 to 1882, are for the twelve months ended 31st June. In other instances, the information relates to the years ended 31st December. For later information respecting the colonies, see footnotes (c) to Table IV., and footnote (i) to Table V., *post*.  
<sup>3</sup> For later information respecting the Public Debts of some of the colonies, also the "Accrued Sinking Fund of New Zealand," see General Note and also footnote (g) to Table VII., *post*.  
<sup>4</sup> The figures relating to Victorian railways for the last three years ended 31st June, and those for New Zealand Railways for the last two years are for the twelve months ended 31st March of the year following; in all other cases the figures relate to the calendar year.

\* Where asterisks occur the information has not been furnished.

<sup>6</sup> Including land in fallow in all the colonies except New South Wales. See footnote (1) to Table XV, next.

<sup>7</sup> Prior to 1883, the Queensland shipping returns were unduly swelled by vessels being counted afresh at each port of call.

\* Wheat and live stock estimated. The statistics have not been collected since 1884-5.

## REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST,  
Melbourne, 20th September, 1889.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith the detailed Australasian Statistics for the year 1888.

A preliminary return, containing the leading particulars embodied in these Statistics, was forwarded for publication on the 2nd ultimo, and appeared in the *Government Gazette* of the following week.

2. In consequence of the difficulty of getting accurate information respecting the arrivals and departures of persons overland, it has hitherto been the practice in all the colonies to treat these as balancing each other, and, in making up the population estimates, to take into account no other migration than that by the sea-board. In the colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia, however, an allowance is now made for border migration by railway. In the case of Queensland the results are embodied in the tables of Immigration and Emigration; but in the other two colonies referred to this is not done, although the numbers are added to those representing the sea arrivals and departures for the purpose of combining with those representing the births and deaths in making up the periodical estimates of population.

3. In view of the varying systems of land selection prevailing in the different colonies it is sometimes not possible to determine accurately what extent of land is in process of alienation under the system of deferred payments, and it is consequently doubtful as to how much remains unalienated. This arises from the fact that in some colonies it is not necessary for the selector to declare whether he intends to comply with the necessary conditions for acquiring the freehold of the land he holds for the time being as a leasehold. This applies particularly to Queensland, but to a certain extent also to Victoria, and perhaps to other colonies. For this reason the information embodied in Table XIII., relating to the alienation of land, is not quite complete in all cases.

There seems to be no agreement amongst the education authorities of the different colonies as to how the cost of State Instruction should be computed, and consequently the Education Statistics have hitherto been in an unsatisfactory condition, the returns of no two colonies being strictly comparable. To ascertain the total cost it would obviously be correct that the following should be taken into account:—  
(a) Interest on the capital cost of buildings; (b) Rents of buildings; (c) Repairs of buildings; (d) Cleaning, &c., schools; (e) Cost of school requisites, if supplied; (f) Retiring allowances, if given; (g) Cost of central department; (h) Cost of inspection; (i) Salaries of teachers; (j) Payments to teachers by parents. Partly from official documents, and partly by means of correspondence, I have found it possible to obtain information—which I believe to be fairly correct—as to the

expenditure upon the last seven of these items; and this having been used in the compilation of Table XIV., a reasonable basis is arrived at on which to compare the cost of primary instruction in the different colonies; but in consequence of there being a difficulty in obtaining information of a uniform character in regard to the first three items it has been deemed advisable to omit from the computation all reference to the expenditure on buildings.

The present tables do not differ in form from those published last year. The information they contain will, as on former occasions, be freely used and commented upon in the *Victorian Year-Book*.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER,  
Government Statist.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

# AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1888.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1888.

(Exclusive of Aborigines, except a few in Victoria and New South Wales.)

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles. <sup>1</sup>	On 31st December.						Estimated Mean Population of the Year.		
		Estimated Population. <sup>2</sup>			Number of—		Persons to the Square Mile.	Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females.	Females to 100 Males.				
Victoria .. ..	87,884	581,333	509,536	1,090,869	114·09	87·65	12·413	565,065	496,985	1,062,050
New South Wales ..	309,175	599,107	486,633	1,085,740	123·11	81·23	3·512	586,560	477,770	1,064,330
Queensland .. ..	668,224	225,516	161,947	387,463	139·25	71·81	·580	220,023	157,178	377,201
South Australia ..	903,425	164,121	154,187	318,308	106·44	93·95	·352	164,660	153,217	317,877
Western Australia ..	975,920	24,275	17,862	42,137	135·90	73·58	·043	24,541	17,771	42,312
Total .. ..	2,944,628	1,594,352	1,330,165	2,924,517	119·86	83·43	·993	1,560,849	1,302,921	2,863,770
Tasmania .. ..	26,375	78,029	68,120	146,149	114·55	87·30	5·541	77,137	67,177	144,314
New Zealand .. ..	104,235	324,948	282,432	607,380 <sup>3</sup>	115·05	86·92	5·827	324,753	280,617	605,370
Grand Total ..	3,075,238	1,997,329	1,680,717	3,678,046	118·84	84·15	1·196	1,962,739	1,650,715	3,613,454

<sup>1</sup> The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetric calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne. Except in the case of Western Australia, the area of which differs from the official estimate by 84,000 square miles, these results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. The latest official statement of the area of New Zealand, including all islands, is 104,471 square miles. See also *Victorian Year-Book*, 1888-9, Vol. I., page 71.

<sup>2</sup> In making up the estimates of population in Victoria and New South Wales, allowance has been made for unrecorded emigration since the date of the last census (3rd April, 1881). If this had not been done, the population of Victoria would have been set down as 1,132,126, and that of New South Wales as 1,127,245. The allowance for 1888 was 5,269 in the case of Victoria, and 2,841 in that of New South Wales. South Australia and Queensland also made deductions in 1888 for unrecorded emigration, the former of 5,889, the latter of a number not stated. Censuses were taken in New Zealand and Queensland in the early part of 1886, and, therefore, the populations of those colonies should be nearer the truth than those of the other colonies, which have taken no census since 1881. On the 30th June, 1889, the estimated population of Victoria was 1,104,288, viz., 587,682 males and 516,606 females; that of New South Wales was 1,105,720; South Australia, 315,281; Western Australia, 42,775; New Zealand, 612,032.

<sup>3</sup> Maoris are not included. On the 28th March, 1886, these numbered 41,969, viz., 22,840 males and 19,129 females.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages <sup>2</sup>	Per 1,000 of Mean Population. <sup>1</sup> —Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.	
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages <sup>2</sup>	Numerical	Per Cent	Born.	Died.
Victoria .. ..	17,617	16,886	34,503	9,385	6,902	16,287	8,946	32·49	15·34	8·42	18,216	111·84	104·33	135·98
New South Wales ..	19,616	18,909	38,525	8,453	5,955	14,408	7,844	36·20	13·54	7·37	24,117	167·38	103·74	141·95
Queensland .. ..	7,299	6,948	14,247	3,581	1,948	5,529	3,254	37·77	14·66	8·63	8,718	157·68	105·05	183·83
South Australia ..	5,501	5,009	10,510	2,126	1,633	3,759	2,084	33·06	11·83	6·56	6,751	179·60	109·82	130·19
Western Australia ..	786	732	1,518	459	214	673	304	35·88	15·91	7·18	845	125·56	107·38	214·49
Total .. ..	50,819	48,484	99,303	24,004	16,652	40,656	22,432	34·68	14·20	7·84	58,647	144·25	104·82	144·15
Tasmania .. ..	2,373	2,404	4,777	1,175	861	2,036	951	33·10	14·11	6·59	2,741	134·63	98·71	136·47
New Zealand .. ..	9,641	9,261	18,902	3,315	2,393	5,708	3,617	31·22	9·43	5·97	13,194	231·15	104·10	138·53
Grand Total ..	62,833	60,149	122,982	28,494	19,906	48,400	27,000	34·03	13·39	7·47	74,582	154·10	104·46	143·14

<sup>1</sup> In calculating these results the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

<sup>2</sup> The numbers in these two columns doubled give the total number of persons married and the number married in proportion to every thousand of the mean population.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.									Number of Emigrants. <sup>1</sup>			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants. <sup>2</sup>		
	Assisted and Free.			Unassisted.			Total.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.						
Victoria .. .. .	..	..	..	68,575	33,457	102,032	68,575	33,457	102,032	41,380	18,849	60,229	27,195	14,608	41,803
New South Wales .. .. .	207	321	528	45,859	18,839	64,698	46,066	19,160	65,226	29,922	13,759	43,681	16,144	5,401	21,545
Queensland .. .. .	4,663	3,686	8,349	19,667	6,848	26,515	24,330	10,534	34,864	17,063	5,996	23,059	7,267	4,538	11,805
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	9,231	3,406	12,637	9,231	3,406	12,637	8,664	4,086	12,750	567	—680	—113
Western Australia .. .. .	29	21	50	1,176	372	1,548	1,205	393	1,598	2,064	730	2,794	—859	—337	—1,196
Total .. .. .	4,899	4,028	8,927	144,508	62,922	207,430	149,407	66,950	216,357	99,093	43,420	142,513	50,314	23,530	73,844
Tasmania .. .. .	15	17	32	12,555	6,279	18,834	12,570	6,296	18,866	11,984	5,952	17,936	586	344	930
New Zealand .. .. .	238	247	485	8,874	4,247	13,121	9,112	4,494	13,606	15,048	7,733	22,781	—5,936	—3,239	—9,175
Grand Total .. .. .	5,152	4,292	9,444	165,937	73,448	239,385	171,089	77,740	248,829	126,125	57,105	183,230	44,964	20,635	65,599*

NOTE.—Except in the case of Queensland—for which colony an estimate of the number of persons arriving and departing by railway has been included—the Immigration and Emigration in this table is by sea only. See second footnote to Table I. *ante*.  
<sup>1</sup> The figures in these columns understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted.  
<sup>2</sup> In consequence of the Emigration returns being defective, as stated in the last footnote, the figures in these columns are too high, except where the minus sign (—) appears indicating that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed, when the figures are too low.  
<sup>3</sup> According to Imperial returns, the number of persons who left the United Kingdom for the Australasian colonies in 1888 was 31,725, and the number who returned to the United Kingdom from these colonies was 10,632. The excess in favour of departures was thus 21,093, or less than one-third of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1888.  
(Exclusive of Revenue from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Public Revenue derived from—							Total Revenue.
	Taxation.			Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other Sources.	
	Customs Duties.	Other Taxes. <sup>1</sup>	Total.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria. <sup>2</sup> ... ..	2,353,050	717,953 <sup>3</sup>	3,071,003	656,267	2,741,488	485,533 <sup>3</sup>	653,307	7,607,598
New South Wales ... ..	1,883,058	798,825	2,681,883	2,268,253	2,497,930 <sup>4</sup>	562,909	875,385	8,886,360 <sup>5</sup>
Queensland ... ..	1,344,504	233,167 <sup>6</sup>	1,577,671 <sup>6</sup>	638,472	769,275	228,701	248,978	3,463,097
South Australia ... ..	533,665	205,688	739,353	319,510	956,848	214,600	264,245	2,494,556
Western Australia... ..	159,059	20,885	179,944	81,348	37,302	22,701	35,708	357,003
Total ... ..	6,273,336	1,976,518	8,249,854	3,963,850	7,002,843	1,514,444	2,077,623	22,808,614
Tasmania ... ..	297,912	107,895	405,807	76,859	60,237	50,648	46,517	640,068
New Zealand ... ..	1,390,717	640,941 <sup>3</sup>	2,031,658	297,856 <sup>7</sup>	1,019,791	318,558 <sup>8</sup>	441,952 <sup>8</sup>	4,109,815
Grand Total ... ..	7,961,965	2,725,354	10,687,319	4,338,565	8,082,871	1,883,650	2,566,092	27,558,497

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Revenue derived from—							Amounts per Head. <sup>9</sup>	
	Taxation.			Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other Sources.	Total Revenue.	Taxation.
	Customs Duties.	Other Taxes.	Total.						
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ... ..	30·93	9·44	40·37	8·62	36·04	6·38	8·59	7 6 7	2 19 2
New South Wales ... ..	21·19	8·99	30·18	25·53	28·11	6·33	9·85	8 7 0	2 10 5
Queensland ... ..	38·83	6·73	45·56	18·44	22·21	6·60	7·19	9 3 7	4 3 8
South Australia ... ..	21·39	8·25	29·64	12·81	38·36	8·60	10·59	7 16 11	2 6 6
Western Australia... ..	44·55	5·85	50·40	22·79	10·45	6·36	10·00	8 8 9	4 5 1
Total ... ..	27·50	8·67	36·17	17·38	30·70	6·64	9·11	8 0 8	2 18 1
Tasmania ... ..	46·54	16·86	63·40	12·01	9·41	7·91	7·27	4 8 8	2 16 3
New Zealand ... ..	33·84	15·59	49·43	7·25	24·81	7·75	10·76	6 15 9	3 7 1
Grand Total ... ..	28·89	9·89	38·78	15·74	29·33	6·84	9·31	7 13 7	2 19 6

NOTE.—The figures of revenue and expenditure for Victoria are for the twelve months ended 30th June, but those for the other colonies are for the calendar year. Refunds of revenue, drawbacks, and such similar entries, are rigidly excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria and New Zealand, but are included in those of New South Wales and Queensland, also in those of some of the other colonies. See also Note 5.  
<sup>1</sup> The amounts in this column are made up of Excise duties, including licences imposed for revenue purposes; duties on bank notes; stamps, other than those for fees of office; legacy, succession, and probate duties; property and income taxes; and any other impost, payable to the General Government, levied distinctly as a tax; but excluding fees, and charges for special services rendered.  
<sup>2</sup> According to a statement made up in the Treasury, but not audited, the figures for Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1889, were as follow:—Revenue from Customs, £2,879,830; other taxes, £853,830 (partly estimated); from Crown lands, £616,028; from Railways, £3,104,907; from Post and Telegraphs, £574,400 (estimated); from other sources, £647,086—Total revenue, £8,675,081. The estimated mean population of the same period was about 1,085,630; therefore the revenue per head was £7 19s. 10d.; and the taxation per head was £3 8s. 9d.  
<sup>3</sup> The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "Other Taxes" and "Post and Telegraphs" has been roughly estimated, there being no means of obtaining the exact figures.  
<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of tramways. See footnote (1) to Table X. *post*. Revenue collected for Victoria for traffic beyond Albury (£20,202) is also excluded.  
<sup>5</sup> Including revenue returned to the extent of at least £180,131—viz., £10,978, being repayments to credit of votes; £49,359, for drawbacks and refunds of duty; £20,202, railway revenue collected for the Victorian Government; about £99,592, being other revenue returned, &c.  
<sup>6</sup> Excluding business licences, which in Queensland are classed under "Other Sources."  
<sup>7</sup> Inclusive of revenue from gold-fields, £19,447.  
<sup>8</sup> Including £229,125 property tax, collected in 1888 on account of 1887.  
<sup>9</sup> In calculating the amounts for Victoria the mean population during the year 1887–8 (1,038,130) has been taken. For the other colonies, the figures of mean population shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1888.  
(Exclusive of Expenditure from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Public Expenditure on—					Total Expenditure.
	Railways (Working Expenses).	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria <sup>1</sup> ...	1,574,786	643,113	1,385,121	...	3,684,131	7,287,151
New South Wales ...	1,578,590	616,371	1,745,695	7,854	4,830,341	8,778,851 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland ...	531,144	315,763	1,015,667 <sup>3</sup>	11,031	1,494,800	3,368,405
South Australia ...	483,207	179,492	717,906	559	995,235	2,376,399
Western Australia ...	44,080	35,429	63,820	5,820	235,980	385,129
Total ...	4,211,807	1,790,168	4,928,209	25,264	11,240,487	22,195,935
Tasmania ...	87,906	63,404	184,613	502	373,061	709,486
New Zealand ...	675,895	252,831	1,569,556 <sup>4</sup>	...	1,464,630	3,962,912
Grand Total ...	4,975,608	2,106,403	6,682,378	25,766	13,078,178	26,868,333

  

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Expenditure expended on—					Total Expenditure per Head. <sup>5</sup>
	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses on Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	21'61	8'82	19'01	...	50'56	7 0 5
New South Wales ...	17'98	7'02	19'89	'09	55'02	8 5 0
Queensland ...	15'77	9'37	30'15	'33	44'38	8 18 7
South Australia ...	20'34	7'55	30'21	'02	41'88	7 9 6
Western Australia ...	11'45	9'20	16'57	1'51	61'27	9 2 0
Total ...	18'98	8'07	22'20	'11	50'64	7 16 4
Tasmania ...	12'39	8'94	26'02	'07	52'58	4 18 4
New Zealand ...	17'05	6'38	39'61	...	36'96	6 10 11
Grand Total ...	18'52	7'84	24'87	'10	48'67	7 9 8

NOTE.—For periods to which the figures relate in each colony, see Note to last table. For remarks in reference to the practice of swelling the returns of some of the colonies by including refunds of revenue, &c., on both sides of the account, see Note to last table.

<sup>1</sup> According to a statement made up in the Treasury, in July, 1889, the approximate expenditure of Victoria for the year 1888-9 was as follows:—Railways, £1,831,718; Post and Telegraphs, £536,709; Interest, &c., on Public Debt, £1,465,647; Other Services, £4,181,835. Total Expenditure, £8,015,909. The accounts have since been closed, and the result (unaudited) shows the actual expenditure to have been only £7,920,238, or £75s. 11d. per head of population.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote (5) to last table.

<sup>3</sup> Interest only.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of charges for the sinking fund, (viz., £263,200) formerly charged to revenue, but now met by debentures raised for the purpose.

<sup>5</sup> In calculating the amounts for Victoria, the mean population during the year 1887-8 (1,038,130) has been taken. For the other colonies the figures of mean population shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

TABLE VI.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Expenditure from Loans on—						Total Expenditure from Loans.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Lighthouses, &c.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	1,742,149	462,562	32,627	53,344	...	99,262 <sup>1</sup>	2,389,944
New South Wales ...	1,000,829	205,877	11,700	475,642	...	297,258	1,991,306 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland ...	1,043,909	30,214	26,965	137,703	120,882	214,585	1,574,258
South Australia ...	702,532	150,870 <sup>3</sup>	1,536	25,297	...	108,568	988,803
Western Australia ...	6,952	917	...	9,300	...	26,689	43,858
Total ...	4,496,371	850,440	72,828	701,286	120,882	746,362	6,988,169
Tasmania ...	181,102	...	165,188 <sup>4</sup>	...	...	66,146	412,436
New Zealand ...	284,391	57	151,109	55,040 <sup>5</sup>	14,168	234,909	739,674
Grand Total ...	4,961,864	850,497	389,125	756,326	135,050	1,047,417	8,140,279

  

Name of Colony.	Proportion Expended from Loans on—						Expenditure from Loans per Head.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Lighthouses, &c.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	72'90	19'35	1'37	2'23	...	4'15	2 6 1
New South Wales ...	50'26	10'34	'59	23'88	...	14'93	1 17 5
Queensland ...	66'31	1'92	1'71	8'75	7'68	13'63	4 3 6
South Australia ...	71'05	15'26	'15	2'56	...	10'98	3 2 4
Western Australia ...	15'85	2'09	...	21'20	...	60'86	1 0 9
Total ...	64'34	12'17	1'04	10'04	1'73	10'68	2 9 3
Tasmania ...	43'91	...	40'05	...	...	16'04	2 17 2
New Zealand ...	38'45	'01	20'43	7'44	1'91	31'76	1 4 5
Grand Total ...	60'95	10'45	4'78	9'29	1'66	12'87	2 5 4

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria and South Australia relate to the 30th June, and those for the other colonies to the 31st December.

<sup>1</sup> Including £54,308 on School Buildings.—<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of £487,100, loans paid off.—<sup>3</sup> Including expenditure on Sewerage.—<sup>4</sup> In Tasmania, the expenditure on Harbours, &c., is included with that on Roads and Bridges.—<sup>5</sup> Including expenditure on Defences.

TABLE VII.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1888.

(On the 31st December.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—							
	Railways and Tramways.	Electric Telegraphs.	Water Supply and Sewerage.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Lighthouses and Docks, &c.	School Buildings.	Defence Works.	Other Public Works.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	26,575,706	...	5,345,150	108,043	626,019	1,105,557	100,000	766,907
New South Wales ...	30,990,579	700,279	3,739,701	565,072	2,129,625	50,000	703,177	1,076,556
Queensland ...	14,467,116	758,371	541,022	822,306	1,563,812	...	148,677	1,435,915 <sup>2</sup>
South Australia ...	10,883,928	826,030	2,726,500	1,323,284	1,364,313	674,000 <sup>3</sup>	187,220	471,425
Western Australia ...	823,099	188,503	917	48,822	9,300	...	...	134,592
Total ...	83,740,428	2,473,183	12,353,290	2,867,527	5,693,069	1,829,557	1,139,074	3,885,395
Tasmania ...	1,902,224	94,471	...	...	1,251,742 <sup>4</sup>	110,428	103,373	506,077
New Zealand <sup>5</sup> ...	13,634,501	574,010	559,996	3,469,990	869,718	...	429,719 <sup>6</sup>	2,052,104
Grand Total ...	99,277,153	3,141,664	12,913,286	6,337,517	7,814,529	1,939,985	1,672,166	6,443,576

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—				Total Public Debt.			Proportion of Total Debt contracted for Railways and Telegraphs.
	Immigration.	Deficiencies in Revenue.	Balance.		Amount.	Average per Head. <sup>10</sup>	Year's Revenue equal to— <sup>11</sup>	
			Other Services. <sup>7</sup>	Unapportioned. <sup>8</sup>				
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.		per cent.
Victoria ...	...	...	...	...	34,627,382	31 14 10	4.55	76.75
New South Wales ..	569,930	...	49,855	3,525,375	44,100,149	40 12 4	4.96	71.86
Queensland ...	2,498,433	...	...	3,605,298	25,840,950	66 13 10	7.46	58.92
South Australia ...	...	100,000	591,000	...	19,147,700 <sup>9</sup>	60 3 1	7.68	61.16
Western Australia ...	...	...	...	69,967	1,275,200	30 5 3	3.57	79.33
Total ...	3,068,363	100,000	640,855	7,200,640	124,991,381	42 14 9	5.48	68.98
Tasmania ...	235,714	146,872	148,569	...	4,499,470	30 15 9	7.03	44.38
New Zealand <sup>5</sup> ...	2,142,460	218,500	1,216,833	13,157,719 <sup>12</sup>	38,325,550 <sup>9</sup>	63 2 0	9.33	37.07
Grand Total ...	5,446,537	465,372	2,006,257	20,358,359	167,816,401	45 12 6	6.09	61.03

NOTE.—On the 30th June, 1889, the Public Debt of Victoria was £37,627,382. The estimated population at that date was 1,104,288, and the approximate revenue of the financial year ended with that date was £8,676,081. The debt was thus equal to £34 1s. 6d. per head, or to 4.34 years' revenue. Moreover, since the end of 1888 New South Wales has floated in London a fresh loan of £3,500,000, South Australia one of £1,317,800, Western Australia one of £100,000, and Tasmania one of £1,000,000.

<sup>1</sup> Included with other public works.

<sup>2</sup> Including £712,928, loans to local bodies.

<sup>3</sup> Including other buildings.

<sup>4</sup> The amount for Roads and Bridges is included with that for Harbours, &c.

<sup>5</sup> The figures set down as showing the objects for which the Public Debt of New Zealand was contracted represent the net expenditure out of the "Public Works Fund" since 1870—the date of the first Immigration and Public Works Loan—which is the only existing record of the loan expenditure; it is however stated that, besides loan moneys, receipts in aid from Stamp duties, &c., contributed somewhat towards the total sum so expended. The balance required to make up the total debt at the end of 1888 has been entered as "Unapportioned."

<sup>6</sup> In New Zealand, a portion of the expenditure on "Defences" is included under the head of "Harbours," &c., and a portion is under the head of "Unapportioned."

<sup>7</sup> The amount under this head was expended in New South Wales on public works on behalf of Queensland when it formed part of New South Wales; in South Australia on general public works for the Northern Territory; in New Zealand on land purchases (presumably from the Maoris), £1,150,360, and rates on native lands, £43,889, &c. From the amount returned for Tasmania, debentures redeemed, amounting to £95,700, have been deducted, since the purposes were not specified for which the original loans thereby paid off were raised.

<sup>8</sup> Consisting chiefly of unexpended balances; but of the amount for New South Wales £1,822,330 was for "Repayment of loans."

<sup>9</sup> As a set-off against the public debt, New Zealand possessed an accrued sinking fund amounting, on the 31st December, to £1,353,859; the net liability of that colony was, therefore, £36,971,691, or £60 17s. 6d. per head of population, equal to 9 times the revenue. The sinking funds possessed by the other colonies are comparatively small, consisting of the following amounts:—Victoria, £53,117; Western Australia, £65,854; Tasmania, £89,031. The amount of debt set down for South Australia is exclusive of Treasury bonds, £1,000,000.

<sup>10</sup> In calculating these results, the populations on the 31st December shown in the fifth column of Table I. have been used.

<sup>11</sup> In calculating these results, the figures of public revenue given in Table IV. have been used.

<sup>12</sup> Consisting of amounts spent out of the old provincial loans of New Zealand, prior to the abolition of provinces in 1876, loans not accounted for, and the unspent balances of loan moneys; also £1,021,472 for charges and expenses of raising loans. No particulars of the purposes to which the former were applied are available.

TABLE VIII.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Value of Imports.				Value of Exports.				Value of Exports of Home Production.
	From the United Kingdom.	From Australasian Colonies.	From other Countries.	Total.	To the United Kingdom.	To the Australasian Colonies.	To other Countries.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	10,851,667	8,561,938	4,558,529	23,972,134	8,050,056	4,318,631	1,485,076	13,853,763	10,356,633
New South Wales ...	9,212,981	8,741,847	2,930,729	20,885,557	8,476,669	9,554,200	2,828,846	20,859,715	17,289,487
Queensland ...	3,121,246	3,072,371	453,121	6,646,738	1,985,832	4,069,793	70,737	6,126,362	6,012,722
South Australia ...	2,376,791	2,434,619	602,228	5,413,638	3,798,641	2,572,394	613,063	6,984,098	4,670,773
Western Australia	363,884	413,998	8,368	786,250	482,262	176,521	21,561	680,344	673,519
Total ...	25,926,569	23,224,773	8,552,975	57,704,317	22,793,460	20,691,539	5,019,283	48,504,282	39,003,134
Tasmania ...	485,391	1,081,684	43,589	1,610,664	221,347	1,111,753	765	1,333,865	1,303,908
New Zealand ...	3,725,624	1,218,593	997,683	5,941,900	5,708,517	1,563,130	495,678	7,767,325	7,255,128
Grand Total...	30,137,584	25,525,050	9,594,247	65,256,881	28,723,324	23,366,422	5,515,726	57,605,472	47,562,170

  

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Imports from—			Proportion of Total Exports to—			Value per Head of— <sup>1</sup>		Exports of Home Produce.	
	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	Imports.	Exports.	Value per Head. <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Total Exports.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria ...	45·27	35·72	19·01	58·11	31·17	10·72	22 11 5	13 0 11	9 15 0	74·76
New South Wales ...	44·11	41·86	14·03	40·64	45·80	13·56	19 12 6	19 12 0	16 4 11	82·88
Queensland ...	46·96	46·22	6·82	32·41	66·43	1·16	17 12 5	16 4 10	15 18 10	98·15
South Australia ...	43·90	44·97	11·13	54·39	36·83	8·78	17 0 7	21 19 5	14 13 10	66·88
Western Australia	46·28	52·66	1·06	70·88	25·95	3·17	18 11 8	16 1 7	15 18 4	99·00
Total ...	44·93	40·25	14·82	46·99	42·66	10·35	20 3 0	16 18 9	13 12 5	80·41
Tasmania ...	30·13	67·16	2·71	16·59	83·35	·06	11 3 3	9 4 10	9 0 8	97·75
New Zealand ...	62·70	20·51	16·79	73·49	20·13	6·38	9 16 4	12 16 7	11 19 8	93·41
Grand Total...	46·18	39·12	14·70	49·86	40·56	9·58	18 1 2	15 18 10	13 3 3	82·57

NOTE.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports are over-valued in most of the colonies. See Report to *Australasian Statistics*, 1884.

<sup>1</sup> In calculating these results, the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

TABLE IX.—SHIPPING, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Inwards. <sup>a</sup>		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ...	2,724	2,182,071	2,630	2,125,812	5,354	4,307,883
New South Wales ...	2,955	2,414,750	2,972	2,350,669	5,927	4,765,419
Queensland <sup>1</sup> ...	928	478,517	936	517,712	1,864	996,229
South Australia ...	969	973,479	1,019	1,000,172	1,988	1,973,651
Western Australia ...	263	402,807	266	409,586	529	812,393
Total ...	7,839	6,451,624	7,823	6,403,951	15,662	12,855,575
Tasmania ...	770	385,650	795	390,628	1,565	776,278
New Zealand ...	683	526,435	701	531,478	1,384	1,057,913
Grand Total ...	9,292	7,363,709	9,319	7,326,057	18,611	14,689,766

<sup>a</sup> Direct trade only. In 1882 and former years the coastal trade carried on by vessels arriving from other countries was included.

TABLE X.—RAILWAYS, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Length at End of Year.				Government Lines Open for Traffic.						
	Open. <sup>1</sup>			In Course of Construction.	Capital Cost at End of Year.		Revenue Account for the Year.			Proportion of Net Receipts to Capital Cost. <sup>2</sup>	Gauge.
	Government.	Private.	Total.		Total.	Average per Mile.	Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.		
	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	£	£	£	£	£	per cent.	Ft. In.
Victoria ...	2,018	...	2,018	498	27,468,258	13,612	2,756,049	1,753,019	1,003,030	3'80	5 3
New South Wales	2,125	81	2,206	55	26,630,664	12,532	2,509,527	1,578,590	930,937	3'50	4 8½
Queensland ...	1,931	...	1,931	681 <sup>3</sup>	13,064,598 <sup>4</sup>	6,766 <sup>4</sup>	776,794	507,961	268,833	2'13 <sup>4</sup>	3 6
South Australia ...	1,500	18	1,518	324	9,666,223	6,444	948,382	453,385	494,997	5'26	5 3
Western Australia	204	68	272	243 <sup>5</sup>	892,243	4,374	38,371	44,080	— 5,709 <sup>6</sup>	— '67 <sup>6</sup>	3 6
Total ...	7,778	167	7,945	1,801	77,721,986	9,993	7,029,123	4,337,035	2,692,088	3'55	
Tasmania <sup>7</sup> ...	279	48	327	114	2,353,585	8,436	135,984	129,265	6,719	'30	3 6 <sup>8</sup>
New Zealand ...	1,777	88	1,865	163	13,472,837	7,582	997,615	647,045	350,570	2'61	3 6
Grand Total...	9,834	303	10,137	2,078	93,548,408	9,513	8,162,722	5,113,345	3,049,377	3'33	

NOTE.—The figures are for the year ended 30th June, 1888, for Victoria; for that ended 31st March, 1889, for New Zealand; and for that ended 31st December for the other colonies. On the 30th June, 1889, the extent of lines opened in Victoria had increased to 2,200 miles, and the cost of construction to £29,363,560, whilst the gross receipts for 1888-9 amounted to £3,110,140, the working expenses to £1,945,837, and the net receipts to £1,164,303. The latter was equivalent to 4'11 per cent. of the mean capital cost.

<sup>1</sup> These columns do not include tramways, of which there were in Victoria, at the end of 1888, 31½ miles (chiefly cable) constructed by the Melbourne municipalities, but let to a private company; in New South Wales, 43½ miles (steam), constructed by Government at a capital cost of £907,987, the gross receipts from which amounted in 1888 to £241,838, and the working expenses to £217,629; in Queensland, 9 miles; and in Western Australia, constructed by timber companies, 100 miles. The cost of construction of the cable tramways of Victoria (including expenditure on lines in progress), at the end of 1888, was £1,314,802, and the receipts during the year amounted to £393,819. In New South Wales the Camden line, 7½ miles long, formerly a tramway, is now considered to be a railway.

<sup>2</sup> The calculations in this column are based on the mean of the amounts of capital cost at the beginning and end of the year.

<sup>3</sup> Including railways authorized.

<sup>4</sup> In Queensland the capital cost includes expenditure on lines in progress; and consequently the calculated average per mile will be above and the proportion of receipts to capital cost below the true proportion.

<sup>5</sup> This is the Great Southern Railway, constructed on the land-grant system.

<sup>6</sup> The minus (—) sign indicates a net loss, or excess of working expenses over receipts.

<sup>7</sup> Included with the Government lines in Tasmania are 133 miles guaranteed by the State, constructed at a cost of £1,188,316. The 48 miles of unguaranteed private lines in that colony cost £153,209. The receipts of these during the year amounted to £17,487, and the working expenses to £10,913.

<sup>8</sup> Of the Tasmanian lines, 45 miles have an additional rail, giving a 5ft. 3in. gauge as well for that portion.

TABLE XI.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Despatched and Received of—				Revenue. <sup>2</sup>	Expenditure.
		Letters and Post Cards.		Newspapers. <sup>1</sup>			
		Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.		
						£	£
Victoria ... ..	1,544	47,700,776	44'91	21,702,876	20'43	379,590 <sup>3</sup>	557,302 <sup>4</sup>
New South Wales ... ..	1,203	48,986,000	46'03	*	*	368,956	415,392
Queensland ... ..	766	12,897,102	34'19	10,347,451	27'43	128,798	197,437
South Australia ... ..	594	17,012,577	53'52	7,884,453	24'80	109,178	179,492
Western Australia ... ..	78	2,104,500	49'74	1,545,327	36'52	14,269	35,429 <sup>4</sup>
Total ... ..	4,185	128,700,955	44'94	*	*	1,000,791	1,385,052
Tasmania ... ..	278	4,716,244	32'68	4,319,394	29'93	35,914	41,770
New Zealand ... ..	1,145	42,052,117	69'47	16,202,849	26'77	207,402	160,278
Grand Total ... ..	5,608	175,469,316	48'56	*	*	1,244,107	1,587,100

\* Where asterisks occur, the information was not furnished, or is incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> Subject to certain regulations and restrictions, newspapers posted in New South Wales, Queensland, and Tasmania, travel free to any of the Australasian colonies, and in Western Australia they travel free to places within the colony itself. In the other colonies a small postage fee is charged on newspapers.

<sup>2</sup> This probably includes commission on money orders in all the colonies.

<sup>3</sup> Approximate only. It is estimated that the total revenue of the Victorian Post Office, inclusive of Telegraphs, &c., was about £545,000, and if allowance were made for official correspondence and telegrams, which are transmitted without charge, the total would be increased to about £615,000.

<sup>4</sup> Including expenditure on telegraphs.

TABLE XII.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1888.

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.					During the Year.			
	Miles of Line (Poles).			Miles of Wire in Operation.		Telegrams Received and Despatched.			Amount Received.
	In Operation.	In course of Construction.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone. <sup>1</sup>	Paid.	Unpaid.	Total.	
Victoria ...	4,194	...	4,194	10,360	3,014	2,653,000	90,938	2,743,938 <sup>2</sup>	£ 125,342 <sup>3</sup>
New South Wales ...	10,690	27	10,717	22,219	*	*	*	3,410,407	185,965
Queensland ...	9,167	319	9,486	16,648	*	1,204,488	232,443	1,436,931	103,790
South Australia ...	5,509	249	5,758	9,775	1,672	*	*	994,930	105,421
Western Australia...	2,961	600	3,561	3,234	...	*	*	180,735	8,353
Total ...	32,521	1,195	33,716	62,236		*	*	8,766,941	528,871
Tasmania ...	1,894	...	1,894	2,505	322	219,257	52,512	271,769	25,262 <sup>3</sup>
New Zealand ...	4,992	...	4,992 <sup>4</sup>	11,617	1,484	1,548,233	217,627	1,765,860	106,311
Grand Total ...	39,407	1,195	40,602	76,358	*	*	*	10,804,570	660,444

\* Where asterisks occur, the information was not furnished, or is incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> In Victoria, the number of Telephones in use was 1,637; and in Queensland, 585.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of telegrams on railway service.

<sup>3</sup> Including Telephone revenue, £21,601 in Victoria, £2,641 in Tasmania.

<sup>4</sup> Including 202 miles of cable.

TABLE XIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Area of Colony in Acres.	During the Year 1888.					
		Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments. <sup>1</sup>	Granted without Purchase.	Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
		Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
		acres.	£	£ s. d.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	56,245,760	22,413	221,904	9 18 0	53,738	522	76,673
New South Wales ...	197,872,000 <sup>2</sup>	157,193	381,887	2 8 7	791,826	3,309	952,328
Queensland ...	427,663,360	6,386	136,713	21 8 2	*	911	*
South Australia ...	578,192,000	8,280	10,432	1 5 2	5,809	...	14,089
Western Australia ...	624,588,800	21,583	6,154	0 5 8 <sup>4</sup>	22,000 <sup>5</sup>	...	43,583
Total ...	1,884,561,920	215,855	757,090	3 10 2	*	4,742	*
Tasmania ...	16,880,000	705	5,794	8 4 4	35,671	1,227	37,603
New Zealand ...	66,710,320	64,899	52,379	0 16 2	82,016	142,351 <sup>6</sup>	289,266
Grand Total ...	1,968,152,240	281,459	815,263	2 17 11	*	148,320	*

  

Name of Colony.	Up to the End of 1888.—Extent—			At the end of 1888.—Extent—	
	Alienated in Fee-simple. <sup>7</sup>		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments. <sup>8</sup>	Alienated or in Process of Alienation.	Neither Alienated nor in Process of Alienation.
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.			
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	15,569,645	14,434	6,909,834	22,493,913	33,751,847
New South Wales ...	22,678,641	3,113,459	16,593,144	42,385,244	155,486,756
Queensland ...	9,399,424	66,849	1,460,784	10,927,057	416,736,303
South Australia ...	7,363,900	389,124	3,027,744	10,780,768	567,411,232
Western Australia ...	1,898,628 <sup>9</sup>	...	372,048	2,270,676	622,318,124
Total ...	56,910,238	3,583,866	28,363,554	88,857,658	1,795,704,262
Tasmania ...	*	*	*	4,612,400	12,267,600
New Zealand ...	12,998,416	6,245,928 <sup>11</sup>	562,135	19,806,479	46,903,841 <sup>12</sup>
Grand Total ...	*	*	*	113,276,537	1,854,875,703

\* Where asterisks occur the information has not been furnished or cannot be completed.

<sup>1</sup> The purchase-money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (often without interest) extending over a period of 10 or 20 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is acquired, see *Victorian Year-Book 1888-9*, Vol. II., under the head of "Production."

<sup>2</sup> Including water area, amounting to about 2,000,000 acres.

<sup>3</sup> The area leased was 1,683,207 acres, the lessees of which, in certain cases, have option of purchase on certain conditions under the Land Act of 1884.

<sup>4</sup> This low average is explained by the circumstance that a large portion of the purchase money was previously paid as rent. The price of rural land is 10s. per acre.

<sup>5</sup> Approximate only.

<sup>6</sup> Of this area 54,643 acres were granted to Natives, or Europeans who purchased from them, under Native Land Acts.

<sup>7</sup> Including only that of which the purchase has been completed.

<sup>8</sup> Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

<sup>9</sup> Including land granted without purchase.

<sup>10</sup> Included with the area "Sold."

<sup>11</sup> These figures relate partly to lands in respect to which Crown Grants have been issued either to the original Maori possessors, or to Europeans Maoris who have purchased from them, under certain Native Land Acts.

<sup>12</sup> Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris, or to Europeans who have purchased from them; and 312,495 acres were held under "Perpetual Lease."

TABLE XIV.—STATE EDUCATION, 1888.

Name of Colony.			At the End of 1888.			Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1888.		
			Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Victoria ...	1,933	1,693	2,541	4,234	125,645	116,401	242,046	
New South Wales ...	2,271	1,976	1,937	3,913	110,950 <sup>1</sup>	101,200 <sup>1</sup>	212,150	
Queensland ...	552	691	789	1,480	35,635	32,283	67,918	
South Australia ...	536	405	529	934	26,060 <sup>1</sup>	24,365 <sup>1</sup>	50,425	
Western Australia ...	93 <sup>2</sup>	44	118	162	2,373	2,306	4,679	
Total ...	5,385	4,809	5,914	10,723	300,663	276,555	577,218	
Tasmania ...	220	172	257	429	9,329	7,796	17,125	
New Zealand ...	1,128	1,258	1,581	2,839	79,850 <sup>1</sup>	72,371 <sup>1</sup>	152,221	
Grand Total ...	6,733	6,239	7,752	13,991	389,842	356,722	746,564	

Name of Colony.	Scholars in Average Attendance during the Year.			Estimated Number of Distinct Children Attending during the Year.	Expenditure on State Education. (Exclusive of expenditure on buildings, rent, &c.) <sup>2</sup>			Cost per Head of—	
	Total Number.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.		Amount contributed by—		Total. <sup>4</sup>	Mean Population.	Scholars in Average Attendance.
					State.	Parents, &c., in Fees.			
Victoria ...	128,958	30	53.28	197,115	£ 626,257	£ 2,238 <sup>5</sup>	£ 628,495	£ s. d. 0 11 10	£ s. d. 4 17 6
New South Wales ...	112,220	29	52.90	186,692	442,973	69,554	512,527	0 9 8	4 11 4
Queensland ...	38,926	26	57.31	58,738	151,831	...	151,831	0 8 1	3 18 0
South Australia ...	28,329	30	56.18	45,236	87,803	24,101	111,904	0 7 0	3 19 0
Western Australia ...	3,659	23	78.20	4,000 <sup>1</sup>	9,208	1,469	10,677	0 5 1	2 18 4
Total ...	312,092	29	54.07	491,781	1,318,072	97,362	1,415,434	0 9 11	4 10 8
Tasmania ...	8,730	20	50.98	*	32,649	8,980	41,629	0 5 9	4 15 4
New Zealand ...	90,108	32	59.20	116,283	347,416	1,300 <sup>5</sup>	348,716	0 11 6	3 17 5
Grand Total ...	410,930	29	55.04	*	1,698,137	107,642	1,805,779	0 10 0	4 7 11

NOTE.—The State system of education is compulsory and undenominational (or secular) in all the colonies, and Western Australia is now the only colony which grants assistance to denominational schools. Public instruction is free in Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand; but fees are charged in the other colonies, although they are partially or entirely remitted in cases where the parents are unable to pay them. The prescribed school age differs in the various colonies—in Victoria it is from 6 to 15 years, in New South Wales and Western Australia, from 6 to 14, in Queensland from 6 to 12, in South Australia and New Zealand from 7 to 13, and in Tasmania from 7 to 14 years. For a complete account of the educational systems of the various colonies, see Appendix to *Victorian Year-Book* 1888-9, Vol. II.

<sup>1</sup> Where asterisks occur, the figures have not been furnished or are incomplete.

<sup>2</sup> These figures have been estimated in the office of the Government Statist, Melbourne.

<sup>3</sup> Including 16 assisted schools.

<sup>4</sup> In previous years the amounts in this column were not on a uniform basis. Now it has been decided to include the whole cost of State (Primary) Education, exclusive only of expenditure on buildings (either for repairs or erection) and rent—including expenditure on Head Office staff and inspection.

<sup>5</sup> Portion of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, &c., viz., £12,935 in South Australia and £29,143 in New Zealand.

<sup>6</sup> For extra subjects only.

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1888-9.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

\*\*\* The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February or March of each year. The present returns are for those months of 1889. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December, 1888, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.		Number of Acres under—									
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. <sup>1</sup>	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. <sup>2</sup>	Other Tillage. <sup>3</sup>
Victoria ...	2,564,742	2'35	1,217,191	197,518	83,483	5,789	32,331	43,074	411,332	12,750	192,540	368,734 <sup>4</sup>
New South Wales	999,204	'92	304,803	7,984	3,318	166,101	985	15,419	209,531	7,072	228,808	55,183
Queensland ...	214,002	'55	9,305	642	324	85,966	497 <sup>4</sup>	7,303	20,978	1,703	11,281	76,003
South Australia <sup>5</sup>	2,793,037	8'77	1,605,000 <sup>5</sup>	7,264	15,697	...	4,601	5,666	308,429	4,590	33,296	808,494
Western Australia	106,015	2'52	30,739	1,787	5,009	61	720	481	23,914	894	268	42,142
Total ...	6,677,000	2'28	3,167,038	215,195	107,831	257,917	39,134	71,943	974,184	27,009	466,193	1,350,556
Tasmania ...	481,533	3'29	40,657	33,834	4,670	...	7,476	13,653	52,521	37	180,350	148,335
New Zealand ...	1,465,319	2'41	362,153	367,225	45,027	4,768	14,693	26,331	50,656	... <sup>6</sup>	419,555 <sup>7</sup>	174,911
Grand Total...	8,623,852	2'34	3,569,848	616,254	157,528	262,685	61,303	111,927	1,077,361	27,046	1,066,098	1,673,802

NOTE.—Land in fallow is included in the total area under tillage in all the colonies, except New South Wales; but land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand. See also Notes 2, 3, and 7.

<sup>1</sup> Including beans and pease, except in the case of New South Wales.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to crops sown for the purpose of being cut green for cattle, this column contains the following areas laid down in permanent artificial grass in the colonies named:—

*Permanent Artificial Grass.*

	Acres.
Victoria .. .. .	184,991
New South Wales .. .. .	200,332
South Australia .. .. .	23,217
Western Australia .. .. .	Only small area.
Tasmania .. .. .	178,801

In Queensland, where it is not so included, the area returned is 7,592 acres. For extent of such land in New Zealand, see Note 7.

<sup>3</sup> In the returns of some of the colonies, this column embraces land in fallow as well as land under crop. The following are the areas in fallow included in the returns of such colonies:—

*Land in Fallow.*

	Acres.
Victoria .. .. .	332,643
New South Wales .. .. .	Not returned.
Queensland .. .. .	21,015
South Australia .. .. .	450,536
Western Australia .. .. .	40,317
Tasmania .. .. .	20,603
New Zealand .. .. .	142,747
Total .. .. .	1,007,861

The following is a statement of the acreage under various crops included in the same column, also of the produce so far as it has been given:—

*Miscellaneous Crops.*

	Acres.	Produce.
Victoria—		
Turnips, carrots, parsnips, and beet .. .. .	648	6,810 tons
Mangel-wurzel .. .. .	897	13,974 "
Onions .. .. .	1,768	4,430 "
Tobacco .. .. .	1,683	13,335 cwt.
Chicory .. .. .	148	811 tons
Hops .. .. .	763	5,539 cwt.
Grass seeds .. .. .	1,541	17,444 bushels

New South Wales—	Acres.	Produce.
Tobacco .. .. .	4,833	55,478 cwt.
Sugar cane .. .. .	15,281	
Of which productive .. .. .	4,997	110,218 cwt.
Orange trees .. .. .	10,851	19,693,880 dozen
Gardens and orchards .. .. .	20,827	

Queensland—	Acres.	Produce.
Sugar cane .. .. .	47,340	
Of which crushed .. .. .	32,375	693,180 cwt.
Arrowroot .. .. .	149	254,870 lbs.
Orange trees .. .. .	1,068	742,417 dozen
Bananas .. .. .	2,220	6,320,858 "
Pineapples .. .. .	581	187,747 "
Tobacco .. .. .	123	1,418 cwt.

Tasmania—	Acres.	Produce.
Turnips .. .. .	4,420	33,273 tons
Mangel-wurzel .. .. .	934	11,673 "
Gardens and orchards .. .. .	9,760	
Fenced and cleared land, not strictly under tillage, devoted to pastoral purposes .. .. .	109,940	

New Zealand—	Acres.	Produce.
Mangolds, beet, carrots, parsnips, &c. ...	4,722	
Hops .. .. .	564	6,210 cwt.
Tobacco .. .. .	34	255 "
Gardens and orchards .. .. .	23,807	
Other crops .. .. .	3,037	
Land broken up, but not under crop .. .. .	142,747	

<sup>4</sup> Rice.

<sup>5</sup> No Agricultural Statistics having been collected in South Australia in the last four years, the figures for 1884-5, except in regard to wheat, which have been estimated, have been again repeated for that colony.

<sup>6</sup> No account taken.

<sup>7</sup> In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 6,228,655 acres—of which about one-half had been, and the other half had not been, previously ploughed—is not entered as green forage, nor is it included in the total area under tillage, as in the majority of the other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 7,693,974 acres, or to 12'66 acres per head of the population.

TABLE XVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1888-9.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. <sup>1</sup>	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria ...	8,647,709	2,803,800	1,131,427	267,155	372,468	131,149	308,117	1,206,442
New South Wales ...	1,450,503	109,931	36,760	4,910,404	12,899	36,839	134,911	805,813
Queensland ...	8,263	3,626	7,432	2,181,681	17,507	20,711	32,291	144,239
South Australia <sup>2</sup> ...	6,187,000	43,584	109,879	...	32,207	11,332	104,214	400,000
Western Australia ...	322,739	41,852	73,630	1,769	14,000 <sup>3</sup>	1,974	23,914	135,888
Total ...	16,616,214	3,002,793	1,359,128	7,361,009	449,081	202,005	603,447	2,692,382
Tasmania ...	819,497	946,354	109,979	...	124,954	66,721	58,290	...
New Zealand ...	8,770,246	10,977,065	1,402,537	207,275	357,061	133,682	71,296	...
Grand Total ...	26,205,957	14,926,212	2,871,644	7,568,284	931,096	402,408	733,033	2,692,382

  

Name of Colony.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria ...	7'10	14'20	13'55	46'15	11'52	3'04	'75
New South Wales ...	4'76	13'77	11'08	29'56	13'10	2'39	'64
Queensland ...	'89	5'65	22'94	25'38	35'22	2'84	1'54
South Australia <sup>2</sup> ...	3'85	6'00	7'09	...	7'00	2'00	'50
Western Australia ...	10'50	23'42	14'70	29'00	19'44	4'10	1'00
Total ...	5'25	13'95	12'60	28'54	11'48	2'81	'62
Tasmania ...	20'16	27'97	23'55	...	16'71	4'88	1'11
New Zealand ...	24'22	29'89	31'15	43'47	24'31	5'08	1'41
Grand Total ...	7'34	24'22	18'23	28'82	15'19	3'60	'68

<sup>1</sup> Including beans and pease, except in the case of New South Wales.<sup>2</sup> No agricultural statistics having been collected in South Australia during the last four years, a rough estimate has been made of the produce of crops in that colony for 1888-9.<sup>3</sup> Estimated.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1888-9.

\*\* The Live Stock Statistics are collected in October in Western Australia, and in most of the other colonies simultaneously with the Agricultural Statistics, in the months of February and March.

Name of Colony.	Number of—				Total.
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	
Victoria ...	323,115	1,370,660	10,818,575	245,818	12,758,168
New South Wales ...	411,368	1,622,907	46,503,469	248,583	48,786,327
Queensland ...	324,326	4,654,932	13,444,005	68,994	18,492,257
South Australia <sup>1</sup> ...	170,000	430,000	7,150,000	170,000	7,920,000
Western Australia ...	41,399	93,822	2,112,393	25,083	2,272,688
Total ...	1,270,199	8,172,321	80,028,442	758,478	90,229,440
Tasmania ...	29,238	142,019	1,430,065	43,227	1,644,549
New Zealand <sup>2</sup> ...	187,382	895,461	15,122,133	369,992	16,574,968
Grand Total ...	1,486,819	9,209,801	96,580,640	1,171,697	108,448,957

  

Name of Colony.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria ...	3'68	30	15'60	126	123	992	2'80	22	145	1,170
New South Wales ...	1'34	38	5'25	149	150	4,283	'80	23	158	4,493
Queensland ...	'49	84	6'97	1,201	20	3,470	'10	18	28	4,773
South Australia <sup>1</sup> ...	'19	53	'48	136	8	2,246	'19	53	9	2,488
Western Australia ...	'04	98	'10	223	2	5,013	'03	60	2	5,394
Total ...	'43	43	2'78	279	27	2,737	'26	26	31	3,085
Tasmania ...	1'11	20	5'38	97	54	978	1'64	30	62	1,125
New Zealand <sup>2</sup> ...	1'80	31	8'59	147	145	2,490	3'55	61	159	2,729
Grand Total ...	'48	41	2'99	250	31	2,626	'38	32	35	2,949

<sup>1</sup> No statistics of live stock having been collected in South Australia during the last four years, but the figures for 1888-9 have been estimated.<sup>2</sup> The figures for New Zealand, except in regard to sheep—which are for May, 1888—are those returned at the Census of March, 1886. They include 42,103 cattle, and 92,091 pigs belonging to the Maoris.

TABLE XVIII.—WOOL PRODUCE, 1888.

Name of Colony.	Wool Imported.		Wool Exported.		Wool Manufactured in the Colony.		Wool Production, 1888.				Proportion of Exports of Wool to Total General Exports.	Average Export Price per lb.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value at 1s. 4d. per lb.	Quantity. <sup>1</sup>		Value.			
							Total.	Average to each Sheep in the Colony.	Total.	Average per Head of Population.		
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	lbs.	£	£ s. d.	per cent.	d.
Victoria .. ..	65,963,561	2,704,060	118,453,968	5,170,930	1,653,554	110,237	54,143,961	5'00	2,577,107	2 8 6	37'33	10½
New South Wales ..	7,317,827	237,647	243,256,253	9,358,515	700,000 <sup>2</sup>	46,666	236,638,426	5'09	9,167,534	8 12 3	44'86	9½
Queensland .. ..	..	..	50,675,289	2,258,365	..	..	50,675,289	3'77	2,258,365	5 19 9	36'86	10½
South Australia ..	9,061,003	283,534	50,596,091	1,610,456	115,000 <sup>2</sup>	7,667	41,650,088	5'83	1,334,589	4 3 11	23'06	7½
Western Australia	..	..	8,475,240	423,762	..	..	8,475,240	4'01	423,762	10 0 4	62'29	12
Total ..	82,342,391	3,225,241	471,456,841	18,822,028	2,468,554	164,570	391,583,004	4'89	15,761,357	5 10 1	38'81	9½
Tasmania ..	..	..	6,977,038	306,930	157,400	10,493	7,134,438	4'99	317,423	2 4 0	23'01	10½
New Zealand ..	13,783	474	83,225,733	3,115,008	4,079,563	271,970	87,291,513	5'77	3,386,504	5 11 11	40'11	9
Grand Total ..	82,356,174	3,225,715	561,659,612	22,243,966	6,705,517	447,033	486,008,955	5'03	19,465,284	5 7 9	38'61	9½

<sup>1</sup> These figures are made up of the sum of the total quantities exported from and used for manufactures in, less the quantities imported by, the respective colonies. The wool referred to is, of course, not homogeneous in quality, some being greasy and some washed and scoured. The Government Statistician of New South Wales has estimated that the equivalent weight in greasy wool of the whole clip for that colony was 269,739,000 lbs.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated.

TABLE XIX.—GOLD PRODUCE.

Name of Colony.	Gold raised—					
	Prior to 1888.		During 1888.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value. <sup>1</sup>	Quantity.	Value. <sup>1</sup>	Quantity.	Value. <sup>1</sup>
	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£
Victoria ...	55,010,933	220,043,732	625,026	2,500,104	55,635,959	222,543,836
New South Wales ...	9,845,907	36,470,309	85,295	308,821	9,931,202	36,779,130
Queensland ...	5,607,142	19,624,997	481,643	1,685,750	6,088,785	21,310,747
South Australia <sup>2</sup> ...	235,845	925,251	16,763	66,160	252,608	991,411
Western Australia ...	4,873	19,492	50,000	200,000	54,873	219,492
Total ...	70,704,700	277,083,781	1,258,727	4,760,835	71,963,427	281,844,616
Tasmania ...	493,279	1,884,712	39,610	147,154	532,889	2,031,866
New Zealand ...	11,220,598	44,042,567	201,219	801,066	11,421,817	44,843,633
Grand Total ...	82,418,577	323,011,060	1,499,556	5,709,055	83,918,133	328,720,115

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland express the quantity and value of all the gold known to have been raised in those colonies since the period of its first discovery in Australia in 1851; those for South Australia are estimated chiefly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total exports of gold from the earliest period; and those for Tasmania express the quantity known to have been raised since 1866, there being no record of the gold raised prior to that period. There are no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, although a considerable quantity has been obtained on the Kimberley gold-fields of that colony; the estimate for 1888 is very vague, and that for previous years being obtained from the Customs returns alone is much understated.

<sup>1</sup> The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value is set down as £4 per oz., and in Queensland as £3 10s. per oz. Standard gold (i.e. 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d., and pure gold £4 4s. 11½d. per oz.

<sup>2</sup> Including Northern Territory.

TABLE XX.—SAVINGS BANKS, 1888.  
(Including both General and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.				Rates of Interest allowed to Depositors.
	Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.		
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.	
			£	£ s. d.	per cent.
Victoria ... ..	247,425	22·68	4,881,198	19 14 7	4
New South Wales ... ..	128,297	11·82	4,037,675	31 9 5	4 to 5
Queensland ... ..	43,003	11·10	1,611,876	37 9 8	5½
South Australia ... ..	62,365	19·59	1,759,592	28 4 3	5
Western Australia ... ..	3,096	7·35	30,808	9 19 0	3½
Total ... ..	484,186	16·56	12,321,149	25 8 11	3½ to 5
Tasmania ... ..	23,090	15·80	469,928	20 7 0	4½ to 5
New Zealand ... ..	103,046	16·96	2,691,693	26 2 5	4½ to 5
Grand Total ... ..	610,322	16·60	15,482,770	25 7 4	3½ to 5

<sup>1</sup> This rate is allowed on deposits up to £100; above that amount, 4 per cent.

## APPENDIX.

## STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1888.

\* \* Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,500 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is estimated to be 7,740 square miles.

Year.	Estimated Population on the 31st December.			Births. <sup>1</sup>	Deaths. <sup>1</sup>	Marriages. <sup>1</sup>	Immigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).		
	Males.	Females.	Total.				Males.	Females.	Total.
1878	64,748	52,350	117,098	2,262	2,244	419	1,346	174	1,520
1879	67,697	52,962	120,659	3,654	3,532	1,356	2,098	288	2,386
1880	67,598	54,286	121,884	4,103	4,326	1,358	2,500	34	2,534
1881	71,323	57,188	128,511	4,321	4,411	1,056	1,100	58	1,158
1882	72,376	57,703	130,079	4,552	4,933	1,280	2,561	511	3,072
1883	71,540	58,354	129,894	4,049	5,310	1,097	2,013	546	2,559
1884	71,011	57,512	128,523	4,540	8,592	978	2,292	980	3,272
1885	69,860	57,419	127,279	4,319	5,775	1,133	1,422	736	2,158
1886	68,727	57,283	126,010	4,253	5,502	1,155	...	...	1,273
1887	66,144	58,514	124,658	4,749	4,365	1,167	...	...	276
1888	66,635	58,806	125,441	4,709	4,236	966	627	190	817

Year.	Emigrants (Polynesians only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expendi- ture.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports.	Value of Exports.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Raised by Taxation.	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.				
1878	638	71	709	£ 42,697	£ 18,324	£ 61,021	£ 65,267	£ 100,000	£ 136,608	£ 192,865
1879	313	32	345	£ 46,260	£ 21,511	£ 67,771	£ 71,108	£ 120,000	£ 142,213	£ 169,040
1880	170	18	188	£ 46,544	£ 34,134	£ 80,678	£ 91,102	£ 210,000	£ 185,741	£ 229,528
1881	860	24	884	£ 49,606	£ 37,837	£ 87,443	£ 89,960	£ 254,025	£ 276,040	£ 174,146
1882	1,066	73	1,139	£ 59,518	£ 51,796	£ 111,314	£ 109,986	£ 254,025	£ 303,329	£ 190,517
1883	1,251	94	1,345	£ 74,805	£ 32,009	£ 106,814	£ 88,277	£ 254,025	£ 450,595	£ 351,998
1884	693	60	753	£ 68,162	£ 23,361	£ 91,523	£ 98,468	£ 254,025	£ 434,522	£ 345,344
1885	1,681	265	1,946	£ 62,985	£ 13,684	£ 76,669	£ 92,209	£ 264,025	£ 294,585	£ 326,750
1886	...	...	2,113	£ 51,882	£ 12,692	£ 64,574	£ 78,133	£ 264,695	£ 230,742	£ 283,496
1887	...	...	1,634	£ 41,616	£ 23,300	£ 64,916	£ 73,150	£ 265,389	£ 188,071	£ 281,080
1888	267	31	298	£ 44,223	£ 20,795	£ 65,018	£ 58,993	£ 253,289	£ 183,222	£ 376,978

Year.	Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and Sold in each Year. <sup>2</sup>	Live Stock. <sup>3</sup>				
	Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—				
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	
					acres.					
1878	...	124	23,180	128	24,080	39,476	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1879	...	131	28,967	125	28,085	23,559	300	4,000	3,771	50,000
1880	...	157	32,933	150	32,689	27,562	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1881	...	164	35,542	160	35,230	75,627	400	5,000	4,769	50,000
1882	...	163	43,768	165	43,757	65,745	600	5,000	4,000	50,000
1883	...	198	68,530	193	69,322	31,665	600	5,324	5,373	50,000
1884	...	150	63,246	144	64,731	38,325	610	4,600	5,869	50,000
1885	...	124	54,056	135	55,892	26,368	650	5,953	6,350	50,000
1886	...	118	54,132	113	51,237	14,028	567	6,841	6,055	50,000
1887	...	119	46,902	118	44,865	8,120	647	6,778	6,508	1,711 <sup>4</sup>
1888	...	106	49,579	110	51,548	6,300	684	6,754	6,996	1,903 <sup>4</sup>

NOTE.—The following additional information has been supplied for the year 1888:—Birth rate, 37·54; Death rate, 31·77; Marriage rate, 77, per 1,000 persons living. Immigration—Unassisted (not included above), 513 in 1887, and 482 in 1888; Emigration, 798. Sources of Revenue—Customs duties, £24,571; other taxes, £19,652; Crown lands, £142; other sources, £20,653. Heads of Expenditure—Interest on public debt, £9,019; Post Office, &c., £764; Immigration, £4,698; other expenditure, £44,512. Public Debt—Of the public debt only £137,000 bears interest. Imports and Exports—Of the total value of Imports, £172,465 was from the Australasian Colonies, £43 from the United Kingdom, and £10,756 from other countries; and of the total value of Exports, £341,437 was to Australasian Colonies, and £35,531 to other countries; 98 per cent. of the exports were of Fijian production. Postal Returns—Number of offices, 36; letters, 189,174; newspapers, 170,788. State Education—Number of schools, 2; teachers, 5, viz., 2 males and 3 females; scholars on the rolls, 176, viz., 82 males and 94 females; average attendance, 165; cost, excluding buildings—contributed by State, £477, by parents in fees and rates, £686—total, £1,163. Agriculture—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 36,755 acres, of which 357 acres were under maize; 19,000 acres under coconuts; 13,800 acres under sugar-cane; 2,300 acres under bananas; 325 acres under tea; and 1,350 acres under cotton, coffee, tapioca, and other crops. The quantity of maize exported was 12,968 bushels, and probably as much more is consumed locally.

<sup>1</sup> It is believed by the Registrar-General of Fiji that the births, deaths, and marriages here given are less than those which actually occurred.

<sup>2</sup> The total area alienated at the end of 1888 was 405,550 acres, and the area unalienated about 4,500,000 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1888 was only £26,446, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were for lands acquired by whites and others previously to annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of One shilling.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the live stock referred to in these columns, about 11,400 angora goats were kept on the islands.

<sup>4</sup> Returns from Europeans only.